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In re Application of :
Cullen, Michael John et al. :
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Attorney Docket No. 200-0767 CIP :

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the Petition To Withdraw Holding Of Abandonment, received in the United States Patent & Trademark (USPTO) on May 30, 2006' (37 CFR 1.181.)

The petition is **DISMISSED**. Any request for reconsideration of this decision, or as explained below, filing a petition seeking revival under 37 CFR § 1.137, must be filed within TWO (2) MONTHS from the mail date of this decision.

The above-identified application was held abandoned for applicant's failure to timely pay the issue fee, as required in the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed December 27, 2005. The Notice of Abandonment, mailed on May 3, 2006 indicates'. The submitted fee of \$300.00 is insufficient. A balance of \$1,400 is due.'

The Office acknowledges receipt of Part B – Fee(s) Transmittal on May 30, 2006, authorizing that the Issue Fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1510. On March 27, 2006, when an attempt was made by the Office of Finance to charge the fees, there were insufficient funds in the Deposit Account to charge the required fee.

37 CFR 1.25 (a) and (b), which states in part:

1.25(a) ... An amount sufficient to cover all fee, services, copies, etc., requested must always be on deposit. Charges to accounts with insufficient funds will not be accepted."

1.25 (b) ... An authorization to charge a fee to a deposit account will not be considered payment of the fee on the date the authorization to charge the fee is effective as to the particular fee to be charged unless sufficient funds are present in the account to cover the fee.

In light of the non-compliance with 37 CFR 1.25, the holding of abandonment cannot be withdrawn.

Applicant may seek relief by filing a petition for Revival of Abandoned Application under CFR § 1.137 (a) or (b). (Forms are available at USPTO website <http://www.uspto.gov>)

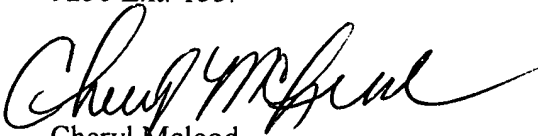
- Under 37 CFR 1.137(a), a petition for the revival of an **unavoidable** abandoned application
- Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition for the revival of an **unintentionally** abandoned application

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